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1. On 30 October 1953 the bar draft at Sulina was 24 feet; at KM post 37, 23 feet; at KM post 41, 21 feet; and KM post 57, 24 feet. The channel at KM post 41 was being dredged at this time.
2. Since August 1953 not even Soviet vessels have been permitted to go over the bar at Sulina at night. The Soviet agent has made protests without result. This is reported to be a form of passive resistance on the part of the Rumanians.
3. a channel three miles wide has been swept through the minefield at the entrance to the harbor. the channel might be five miles wide. The course through the minefield leaving Sulina harbor is 187 degrees true, passing Olinca light five miles off. On the shore opposite the minefield is a special watchtower which reports all ships entering or leaving the mined area.
4. In early November 1953, there was only 140 cms of water at the Iron Gates. The tug MOHACS has been unable to go up river as she draws 150 cms.

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